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▶ Mooseheads defenceman Trey Lewis upends Cape Breton Screaming Eagles winger Blake Millman during yesterday's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre. The Moose dropped their regular season finale 4-2 and are gearing up for the start of the playoffs. Story, page 16.

Halifax stumbles into QMJHL playoffs

# Canadian warship on the readv

Six Canadian CF-18 fighter jets arrived in Libya on the weekend HMCS Charlottetown left Halifax March 2 as part of Operation MOBILE • More than 240 crew on board

Halifax-based HMCS Charlottetown is patrolling the waters north of Libya as air strikes enforcing a UN no-fly zone heat up.

In a phone interview yesterday, Commander Craig Skjerpen of HMCS Charlottetown said the U.S. and European air strikes on Libya are on the minds of the crew

"Our mission stays the same but our ship's company starts thinking about what future missions could be," he said.

"Right now my goal is to keep everyone focused on the task at hand.'

Their original mission of evacuation and humanitarian aid changed when they arrived in Gibraltar this month because all evacuees who wanted to go were already rescued.

The Charlottetown was attached to a NATO group and was put on patrol in the central Mediterranean, north of Libya and south of Italy.

The ship is monitoring traffic on the water and keeping track of anything that looks abnormal.

The Sea King "has been flying as part of picture compilation," Skjerpen said.

"They'll go out and work with the ship, identify contacts and help provide that

"Now we're here and they can see what's going on, (the crew) see how important it is to be part of Canada's foreign policy and we have a real role to play in the international sphere."



COMMANDER CRAIG SKIERPEN

picture. They're a valuable asset in that type of operation.'

And on the weekend the Charlottetown got some Canadian company in the form

of six CF-18 fighter jets from Quebec.
"We each have our own role and there might be an opportunity for interaction, but right now they work for their mission specifically and we work for ours," he said.

'I've talked about it to the ship's company and we're all concerned about the safety of the F-18 pilots but we definitely wish them our best." O JENNIFER TAPLIN

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# Race relations ongoing concern

▶ Representatives from three levels of government, Halifax police attend anti-racism service ▶ Day marks 1960 Sharpeville massacre in South Africa





Our political leaders can attend all the anti-racism church services they want, but if that doesn't result in change outside of the steeple it amounts to very little, according to a local religious leader.

That was the thrust of a passionate sermon delivered by Rev. Rhonda Britton at a service commemorating the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

"Nova Scotia and HRM law-enforcement and government officials coming to worship with us as HRM community members is a wonderful thing, but it's not the end," said Britton. "And it doesn't really matter if what's inside doesn't translate outside."

Britton told the congregation that significant strides toward the elimination of racism have been made in the municipality and in the province. But she was careful to note more work remains.

The service, held annually at the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church in Halifax, included a public commitment from Halifax Regional Police Chief Frank Beazley to combat discrimination.

"Halifax Regional Police ... hereby declares our intention to work towards the elimination of racism in co-operation with all persons and communities we serve," Beazley read to the congregation.

Const. Shaun Carvery, after harkening back to Martin Luther King Jr.'s I Have a Dream speech, touched on the city's controversial razing of Africville in the late 1960s.

"Who would have considered in 1966 I'd be standing before you, wearing this uniform, as a member of the Halifax Regional Police?" said Carvery.

"We are seeing more and more people of colour in our police and fire services. We have the first African-descent governor general, and our own **African-descent** Lieutenant Governor ... We are making progress in our war to eradicate discrimination."

# Feds to build new military care centre

Construction will soon begin on a \$4.2-million military support centre at Canadian Forces Base Halifax, Defence Minister Peter MacKay announced over the weekend.

The new Integrated Personnel Support Centre at Windsor Park will replace a smaller, temporary facility set up after MacKay announced the creation of a network of similar centres across Canada in March 2009.

"This new facility illustrates how our government is delivering on its promise to improve and standardize the care offered to injured and ill Canadian Forces personnel, veterans and their families," MacKay told a news conference at CFB Halifax on Saturday.

More than two dozen workers will be moved to the new, 7,000-square-foot facility, which is expected to open in January 2012.

There are 24 support centres across Canada.

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# Range of support

The centres offer a wide range of services for sick and injured members and veterans of the Armed Forces, including those with mental illnesses and post-traumatic stress disorder.







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Before Charlie Sheen, there was Randy Quaid, who made his live debut of 'Star Whackers' in Vancouver. Video at metronews.ca

# Join your community in the fight against cancer.

Every year, friends, family and colleagues across Nova Scotia come together at the Canadian Cancer Society *Relay For Life* to celebrate cancer survivors, remember lost loved ones and fight back against cancer. We need you to join the fight too!

Register for your local Relay For Life at **cancer.ca/relay** 

There are 22 Relay For Life events taking place across Nova Scotia in June. Your local HRM events are:

HALIFAX, JUNE 3 Halifax Commons

THE BAY (TANTALLON), JUNE 4 Sir John A MacDonald High School

EAST HANTS, JUNE 10 Enfield/Elmsdale District Lions Club SACKVILLE, JUNE 10 Metropolitan Field

EASTERN SHORE, JUNE 17
Eastern Shore Community
Centre, Musquodoboit
Harbour

DARTMOUTH, JUNE 24 CFB Shearwater



# 'Significant changes' coming to city hall: AG

HRM's chief financial officer Cathie O'Toole announced Friday she is stepping down



are "significant changes" coming to city hall, according to HRM's auditor general.

Larry Munroe said his team will be following the paper trail going back to 2008 to find evidence of cash advances given to concert promoters. Munroe wants to figure out what people were thinking and exactly who was involved in the transactions.

'We're looking clearly at different pieces of legislation, and we're looking at the relationship between HRM and the Metro Centre," he said.

When the matter was brought to Munroe on March 4, the only issue at that point was that Deputy CAO Wayne Anstey authorized a \$400,000 cash advance from the Metro Centre's account to Power Promotional Events for the concerts on the Common in the summer of 2010.



But right away the red flags started to fly and Munroe found loans to promoters going back to

"That was of great concern to us to understand the basis of those cash advances, so the thing just really started to tumble after that," Munroe said.

There's also the fact Mayor Peter Kelly signed a legally vetted contract alfunds from adlowing vance ticket sales to flow to the promoter. While it doesn't involve public funds, it was against HRM

# Report

- Council and the public will see the auditor general's report around the same time when it is finished and there will be several recommendations for improvements.
- Recommendation: "I've already written several of them," Larry Munroe said, refusing to elaborate on what those recommendations are.
- Significant: "It's unlikely we will not be making recommendations for significant changes. This is a very significant matter."

Munroe is also examining why it took so long for this matter to come to light, since Power Promotional Events went bankrupt in October and Anstey would have known the loan would not be repaid.

"I do know the answer to that and ... that will be part of the public docu-



# **Kid Rock** reps ask for 'remedy'

The talent agency representing Kid Rock is demanding a "remedy" for an alleged breach of promises in relation to Harold MacKay's ill-fated Halifax Rocks concert.

Creative Artists Agency's Angie Rho sent a

letter to councillors on Friday indicating the company is considering "holding the municipality of Halifax accountable for its actions" for its role in MacKay's concerts on the Common. The letter — obtained by Metro — references the scandal that rocked city hall last week, when it was revealed acting CAO Wayne Anstey authorized the transfer of \$400,000 to prop up last

summer's Black Eyed Peas concert.

Kid Rock was slated to olay a day before the Black Eyed Peas, but the concert was cancelled due to lower-than-projected

The letter also indicates CAA contacted Kelly on June 21 to inform him of an anticipated breach of agreement between MacKay and the bands.

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# 'We need to move forward' with stadium, mayor says

Halifax is about to engage in a debate over building a new stadium that several Canadian cities are wrestling with, as some have found a resolution to questions about their needs for stadiums while others are still undecided in a time of fiscal restraint. Ottawa, Winnipeg, Regina and Hamilton have all struggled recently to find ways to finance stadium projects in a climate where taxpayers seem to be leery about tak-

ing on more debt.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has made it clear that there will be no money from the federal government for such projects, saying most Canadians agree that funding professional sports venues is a bad idea.

Halifax regional council recently approved \$100,000 for a stadium feasibility study and has named a committee to determine if a municipality without a professional sports franchise



can fill the stands. Mayor Peter Kelly has already staked out his position. "It's not a matter of if, but when this will be built. We need to move forward," said Kellv. "But we have to be clear on size, seating and potential operational uses. It has to be multi-use." He says a modest stadium of maybe 25,000 seats would not be contingent on the city once being awarded a Canadian Football League franchise. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Stadium

City's worth For Hamilton Mayor Bob Bratina, there's no question about what Halifax should do. "Anv city worth a name has had a stadium since time immemorial," he said. "If you do it right, it's a place that will get used a lot."

# Cops search for 3 suspects

Police in Halifax are looking for three youths who tried to hold up a pizza joint with a toy gun. The attempted robbery of the Kit Kat outlet on Gottingen Street happened on Saturday just before 10 p.m. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Poor police decisions led to death: Report

A series of poor policing decisions played a signifi-cant role in the shooting death more than two years ago of a 44-year-old Mi'kmaq fisherman by a Mountie in Cape Breton, says an independent federal RCMP watchdog.

The Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP also said in a report released Friday the lack of a disciplinary review of the officers involved in John Simon's death was "a profound public concern" that wasn't properly explained. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Teen turns himself in

Police have arrested a male youth wanted in connection with a shooting outside of Citadel High School last Monday. The 16-year-old, who

can't be identified, turned himself into Halifax Regional Police headquarters

on Friday morning. Police had been looking for the youth since Tuesday and were granted permission from a judge to release his name and photo for up to five days, or until he was caught.

# Shooting

Reports There were no reported injuries from the shootina.

# Jubilation in rebel stronghold

▶ Fighters celebrate in Benghazi as the attack on Gadhafi forces helps swing the momentum from the fear that gripped the city one day before

Residents of the rebel stronghold of Benghazi fired AK-47s in joy yesterday and danced on burntout tanks.

Only a day earlier, fear gripped the city as Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi's forces pounded the city with artillery and tank shells and punched through the outskirts of Benghazi in fierce street fighting.

After weeks of ceding territory to government troops, the rebels — coupled with French and U.S. airstrikes on Gadhafi's forces overnight — mounted a successful defence, giving the city and its defenders a newfound swagger.

"I feel like in two days max we will destroy Gadhafi," said Ezzeldin Helwani, 35, standing next to the smouldering wreckage of an armoured personnel carrier, the air thick with smoke and the pungent smell of burning rubber.

Some 20 kilometres south, the charred remains of seven government tanks, many with their turrets blown off, lay in a dusty field along with two armoured personnel carriers, apparently hit by an allied airstrike overnight.

Hundreds of men roamed the site, climbing on the tanks and snapping photographs with their cellphones. Shredded blankets, torn foam mattresses and empty cans of tomato paste littered the field. A goat's head with a cigarette stuck in its mouth hung from the barrel of one of the tanks.

"Thank you, France, thank you, America," said Abdul Gader Dejuli as he surveyed the wreckage.

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# Libya bombing called successful

The United States claimed initial success two days into an assault on Libya that included some of the heaviest firepower in the American arsenal — longrange bombers designed for the Cold War — but U.S. officials yesterday said it was too early to define the international

military campaign's end

game. The top U.S. military officer suggested that Moammar Gadhafi could stay in power in spite of the military assault aimed at protecting civilians, calling into question the larger objective of an end to Gadhafi's erratic 42-year

rule

A second wave of attacks, mainly from American fighters and bombers, targeted Libyan ground forces and air defences, following an opening barrage on Saturday of sealaunched Tomahawk cruise missiles.

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# Bullet grazes Wyclef Jean

Wyclef Jean said yesterday that a bullet grazed his hand as he stepped out of a car to make a phone call in Port-au-Prince, but he was only slightly injured.

# Families fly to Kandahar to pay tribute

Anna Miok kissed her right hand, touched the monument that bears her son's name and wept in a gesture that symbolized the pain of a mother who has lost her child to war.

It was one poignant moment of many yesterday as the families of 10 Canadians killed in Afghanistan paid tribute to their loved ones at Kandahar airfield in what could be the last ceremony of its kind before the military mission ends.

There was some brief doubt whether yesterday's service was going to proceed after the Defence Department discovered nearly two months ago that the publicly funded trips did not clearly fall within spending guidelines.

The costs of this visit were paid for by the military families fund, which is financed by private donations and fundraisers.

Since Canada's mission began in 2002, 154 military personnel, two aid workers, a diplomat and a journalist have died in the country. One by one, the parents, spouses and siblings of those killed placed wreaths at the foot of the monument dedicated to Canadians who have died as part of the Afghan mission.

Laszlo Miok said he made the journey to Kandahar for the first time in memory of his younger brother, Sgt. George Miok, a 28-year-old Edmonton school teacher who died on Dec. 30, 2009.

"My brother would've wanted me to come out here to see the lifestyle that he lived, what he did out here, how he enjoyed his job in Afghanistan," said Miok, 32.

The father of Capt. Nichola Goddard, who was the first Canadian woman to be killed in action while serving in a combat role, said the next-of-kin memorial service provided him a measure of comfort.

Nichola Goddard, a 26year-old artillery officer from Calgary, died in a Taliban ambush in the Panjwaii district on May 17, 2006. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# Vote paves way for Egyptian election

Egyptian voters overwhelmingly approved changes in the constitution, opening the way for parliamentary and presidential elections within months, according to final results announced yesterday of a landmark referendum.

Opponents fear the swift timetable could boost the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood and members of the former ruling party

of the former ruling party. The Brotherhood had campaigned heavily for a "yes" vote in the referendum. Critics say that since it and the former ruling party are the best organized political forces in the country, they stand to gain the most in an early election, which will bring in Egypt's first democratically elected government.

The results are likely to open a frenzied campaign season, with liberal prodemocracy forces scrambling to put together political parties to contest the upcoming races.

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# Yemeni president tries to keep power

The U.S.-backed president of Yemen suffered a devastating political blow yesterday when his own powerful tribe demanded his resignation, joining religious leaders, young people and the country's traditional opposition in calls for an end to his three decades in power.

Massive crowds flooded cities, screaming in grief and anger as they mourned dozens of protesters killed



on Friday when President Ali Abdullah Saleh's security forces opened fire from rooftops on a demonstration in the capital. Saleh appeared to be trying to hold on, firing his entire cabinet ahead of

tan appeared to be trying to hold on, firing his entire cabinet ahead of what one government official said was a planned mass resignation.

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# Smithsonian buys doctors' meteorite

A small meteorite that crashed through the roof of a Virginia medical office last year is becoming part of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington.

The Smithsonian paid \$10,000 for the meteorite to Marc Gallini and Frank Ciampi, the doctors who found it. They have in turn given the money to the charity Doctors Without Borders.

Museum spokesman Randall Kremer said Saturday the meteorite is part of the museum's research collection. The Smithsonian holds the world's largest assemblage of natural history specimens and artifacts.

Meteorites are lucrative, and after the tennis-ball-sized rock fell from the sky and landed in an examination room in the office in January 2010, the landlords at the doctors' building made a legal claim to it. But that claim was later dropped.

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# Story of survival

Police rescue 16-year-old and his grandmother from disaster-ravaged home in northeast Japan ◆ Pair had been trapped for nine days

The voice rang out suddenly, unexpectedly, from the wreckage left behind by the monstrous earthquake and tsunami that ripped through Japan's northeast nine days ago.

"Please help! Please help!"

There, on the roof of his collapsed wooden home, stood a shivering Jin Abe, so cold that he had draped layers of towels around his body. His grandmother, Sumi Abe, 80, was trapped inside, too, the 16-year-old

told the team of Ishinomaki police officers who had been patrolling the hard-hit city yesterday.

The two had been stuck there since the March 11 magnitude-9.0 quake struck off the coast of Japan, triggering a massive tsunami that obliterated much of the northeastern coastline. Their neighbourhood, too, lay in ruins.

The 80-year-old woman's weak legs kept her from walking, and the teenager had been unable until yes-

### Disaster update

- The National Police Agency said yesterday that the number of bodies collected so far stood at 8,450, while 12,931 people were listed as missing.
- ► The 9.0-magnitude quake

terday to crawl out of the wreckage, police spokesman Shizuo Kawamura said.

Police called in personnel with better equipment displaced 452,000 people who are now living in shelters.

- Fuel, food and water remain scarce.
- Bodies are piling up in some of the devastated communities and badly decomposing even amid rain and snow.

to help rescue the woman, whom police found wrapped in several blankets, on top of a collapsed closet

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# Fans mourn polar bear

Hundreds of fans of polar bear Knut flocked to lay flowers outside his zoo enclosure yesterday, mourning the sudden death of a bear who burst into the limelight as a cuddly, fluffy cub hand-fed by his keeper. The four-year-old celebrity bear died Saturday afternoon in front of hundreds of visitors, taking keepers, animal experts and fans by surprise.

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# **Anticipation** mounts for RIM PlayBook

Analysts estimate fourth-quarter revenue of \$5.58 billion • Tablet seen as 'critical' for company's success

Research In Motion is expected to report strong quarterly results on Thursday, and observers say the PlayBook tablet computer is key to its future.

Waterloo, based company will launch its new device within weeks, analysts believe, well behind the marketleading Apple iPad and other tablets.

Sascha Segan of PC Mag Mobile in New York believes RIM will play to its strengths and target business users first with the PlayBook.

think RIM understands that the tablet market is very tough right now and it's only going to get

# Take one tablet

- The 19-centimetre touchscreen device fits into iacket pockets, lab coats and "other popular business garb that won't fit an iPad," says Sascha Segan managing editor of PCMag Mobile in New York.
- The first generation of the PlayBook will rely on Wi-Fi short-range networks to connect to the Internet, initially without contracts with wireless carriers. It will cost about \$500 US and can be tethered to a BlackBerry to access email.

tougher," Segan said. Bill Kreher, senior technology analyst at Edward Jones, said he expects RIM to address its strategy for the tablet when it releases fourth-quarter earnings.

"I think the success of the PlayBook is critical for Research In Motion as they prove that they can innovate and keep up with the latest technology," Kreher said from St. Louis, Mo.

He estimates that RIM can sell two million Play-Books in the next 12 months, with businesses being the sweet spot.

"They have a strong track record of dealing with large enterprises. I think that will allow them to see traction with the PlayBook." THE CANADIAN PRESS

# **CRTC** makes switching providers -easier

A single phone call will soon allow consumers to change their TV, Internet, home telephone and wireless service providers. The CRTC savs the new provider will contact the old service provider and make all arrangements necessary for the requested changes instead of the consumer making both calls and the process being dragged out.

Under the new rules. wireless services can be changed within two-and-ahalf hours, while other services should take no more than two business days to switch. But consumers are still on the hook for any cancellation fees or other penalties associated with their existing contracts, the CRTC said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# Zippo sees the light

From the first distinctive "click" of the lid in 1933, a legend was born. But with pressure on people not to smoke, Zippo Manufacturing Co. is expanding its line from lighters to watches, clothing and cologne. It will sell the products at kiosks and Zippo stores.

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# MAYOR WILL HAVE TO FACE THE MUSIC



Here's what we are supposed to believe.

arold MacKay's Power Promotional Events was in deep doo-doo. Tickets for its July 24 Black Eyed Peas concert on the Halifax Common were selling so poorly the promoter was on the verge of cancelling that concert as well as a two-day country show set for the same venue less than two weeks later.

Three days before the first concert, HRM Mayor Peter Kelly personally tried — and failed — to convince Premier Darrell Dexter to pony up cash for the concert.

Later that day, MacKay met with Kelly and HRM's acting CAO Wayne Anstey in a last desperate attempt to save the

At this point, we don't know what transpired during that ses-

sion.
What we do know is what the mayor claims happened next: "After the meeting, we all went our own way and Mr. Anstey ... made a deci-sion" to OK \$400,000 in forgivable loans to MacKay's com-pany, a deal that violated the city

"He did not ask for my

consent, nor was any given," Kelly insisted last week. "I thought that it

was according

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"Believing it means acknowledging we have a mayor who — in spite of being cheerleaderin-chief for mega-concerts on the Common — is so disengaged, so uncaring he didn't ask, even after he learned the concert was on again ..."

> Common - is so disengaged, so uncaring he didn't ask, even after he learned

the concert was on again: "Hey, Wayne, how did you fix that problem with the Peas? Wow, isn't that beyond your authority?

We also have to buy that the mayor didn't at some point read the terms of the sweetheart deal and say: "Whoah, Wayne, what the ...!?"

And we must accept that even after Power Promotions went down the tubes in October - our esteemed mayor didn't say to himself: "Perhaps I'd better tell council and taxpayers what we've been doing with their money ... And have been doing for years, only this time, uh ... we got caught."

So I don't want to believe the mayor was as dumb as he claims he was. And I don't.

I look forward to the auditor general's report.

# Cartoon



# RCMP to tighten belts

# Worth mentioning

Mounties are waging a battle of the bulge.

Almost one-quarter of RCMP officers — 23.8 per cent — are considered "obese," based on standard height and weight measurements.

The national police force is working to make plump police officers fit, trim and ready for duty with programs that encourage healthy exercise and nutrition

Supt. Rich Boughen, director general of the RCMP's occupational health and safety branch, said physical fitness must be promoted in the same way as smoking cessation

Battle of the bulge



and mental health.

Physical demands can be high on men and women in red serge, vet obesity in the ranks is now at about the national average.

"We are very representative of the population,' Boughen said. "I think what it speaks to is that we hire real people who have real issues."

Mirroring an international trend, the number of Canadians classed as obese soared in recent years to 24.1 per cent, say figures from Statistics Canada.

For front-line officers, obesity can compromise their ability to take down a criminal and put their own safety at risk. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# **Metro Minute with** Sarah McLachlan

Sarah McLachlan is coming home.

The Juno and Grammyaward winning artist is performing tomorrow at the Metro Centre at 7:30 p.m. Titled An Evening With Sarah McLachlan, the show also features Butterfly Boucher and Melissa McClelland

McLachlan, who grew up in Halifax, has sold more than 40 million records in a career that spans more than two decades. She is touring in support of her latest re-lease, Laws Of Illusion, with Halifax one of two Maritime stops. The other is in Moncton tonight.

Tickets range between \$57.25 and \$72.25 and are available through all Ticket Atlantic outlets or online at ticketatlantic.com.



# top basketball films

With the NCAA March Madness in full force, what are some of the best basket-ball movies of all time? ◆ Sorry, Hoosiers is a bit too clichéd to make the list



## Hoop Dreams 1994

Steve James' documentary about a pair of inner-city Chicago youngsters who aspire to basketball stardom is at once sprawling and intimate.

James follows the highs and lows of Arthur Agee and

William Gates over about five years, encourages us to root for them by depicting them exactly as they are, and lets us get to know their families, their playgrounds, their neighbourhoods.

It's both inspiring and heartbreaking without trying

too hard to be either, and it's far more enthralling in its realistic twists than any scripted melodrama. Not just one of the best basketball films ever, but one of the best documentaries ever.



### He Got Game 1998

Young Ray Allen does just fine here, showing off that pure shooting ability and holding his own opposite a nicely understated Denzel Washington.

Allen had only been in the

NBA a couple years at this point and had never acted in a film before, but he rises to the challenges of some highly charged scenes as the nation's top high school prospect, who's struggling not just with the decision of what college to play for, but

also with his father's return from prison.

Writer-director Spike Lee, the world's most famous New York Knicks fan, actually lets you see the game played out; he doesn't clutter it up with frantic camerawork and needless cuts.

# Blue Chips

Directed by William Friedkin and written by Ron Shelton, this thing is crammed with both celebrities and athletes without feeling forced. There's Nick Nolte as a volatile, Bobby Knight-type coach at a UCLA-type school, Ed O'Neill as the reporter who grills him and former Boston Celtics great Bob Cousy as the university's athletic director.

Most amusing of all, though, is seeing a young (and much leaner) Shaquille O'Neal as a beast of a prospect from the swamps of Louisiana, alongside his then-real-life Orlando Magic teammate Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway (with Alfre Woodard as Hardaway's badass mom). Larry Bird and Rick Pitino are among the big names who are surprisingly believable showing up as themselves.



### The Basketball Diaries 1995

Leonardo DiCaprio is electrifying as Jim Carroll, the late New York poet and musician who chronicled his teenage descent into heroin addiction in his memoir of the same name. Growing up in Manhattan, Carroll played basketball for his elite Catholic high school and dreamed of athletic stardom. Instead, he would follow a dangerous path of sex and drugs, artistic inspiration and self-destruction. (The film moves the time period

from the 1960s to the present.)

This early DiCaprio performance, along with his Oscar-nominated work in What's Eating Gilbert Grape, offer an exciting gilmpse at the fearless actor he would become.

## Teen Wolf 1985

Who doesn't like young, furry Michael J. Fox? At the height of his Family Ties and Back to the Future fame, Fox came out with this comedy about a scrawny player on a struggling high school basketball team who discovers

he's a werewolf

It's as high-concept as you can get. Turning into a were-wolf turns him into a monster both on and off the court — and yes, Teen Wolf turns into a very traditionally '80s-style cautionary tale about the perils of instant

thing nostalgically comforting about that, and Fox, with his endearing sense of self-deprecation and natural comic timing, somehow makes it all work better than it should.

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# GLAAD honours 30 Rock, True Blood

Russell Simmons, Ricky Martin and the HBO drama series True Blood are among this year's recipients of media awards from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

Other winners of the 22nd Annual GLAAD Media Awards, presented Saturday in New York, include the NBC comedy 30 Rock and CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 for its series on gay teen suicides.

Music mogul Simmons received the Excellence in Media Award.

Martin was cited for an appearance on The Oprah

Winfrey Show in which the pop singer discussed raising twin boys and his decision to come out as gay.

Spanish-language networks Univision and Telemundo were also recognized.

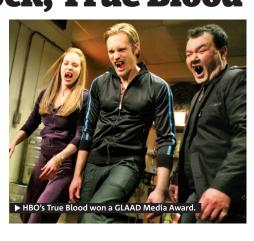
Scissor Sisters were named outstanding music artists for the album Night Work. The website Essence.com was saluted for outstanding digital journalism.

Nonelectronic media winners include The New York Times columnist Frank Rich and Peter David for his Marvel comic book X-Factor.

The GLAAD Media Awards recognize fair, accurate and inclusive representation of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and the issues that affect their lives in the media.

Winners were announced in 25 of this year's total of 32 media categories. The remaining awards will be presented at ceremonies to be held in Los Angeles and San Francisco in April and May, respectively.

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There was no stopping Limitless at the box office. The sci-fi thriller opened at No. 1 this weekend with US\$19 million, according to studio estimates vesterday.

yesterday.
Last week's
No. 1, the alien
invasion movie
Battle: Los Angeles, fell to third
place with \$14.6
million. Coming
in second was
the animated
Western Rango
at \$15.3 million.

At No. 4 was the Lionsgate thriller The Lincoln Lawyer starring Matthew McConaughey. It made an estimated \$13.4 million. In fifth place was Paul, with Seth Rogen providing the voice of a pot-smoking, wise-cracking alien. The Universal Pictures comedy made about \$13.2 million. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Billy Ray looking to mend fences

# Singer calls off divorce Savs relationship with daughter Miley also on upswing

Billy Ray Cyrus and wife Tish Cyrus are on the road to reconciliation, Billy Ray tells the hosts of The View during an interview.

"I've dropped the di-vorce," he says. "I want to put my family back togeth-er. Things are the best they've ever been."

Billy Ray still blames daughter Miley Cyrus' suc-cessful Disney show, Hannah Montana, for his family troubles and is glad the series is over.

"I feel like I got my Mi-ley back," he says. "I feel like we're the daddy and daughter we were before Hannah Montana." • METRO





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# **Talking points**

# Zellweger, Cooper call it quits: Report

BREAKUP. After two years of dating, Bradley Cooper and Renee Zellweger have reportedly split up. The pair, who declined to discuss their relation-ship while dating, first met on the set of their movie, Case 39, and moved in together last fall. Signs of trouble apparently started last month when they attended a pre-Oscar party but didn't spend much time at each other's sides, sources say.

# Longoria moving on post-divorce

CELEBRATION. Eva Longoria concluded her weeklong 36th birthday celebrations with a party in Las Vegas over the weekend, where she told Us Weekly that she's doing great since her divorce from Tony Parker.

"Everything in my life is great!" she said. "I embrace everything that's happening. I hold dearly every experience that I have in my life. I regret nothing, so, you

### **Celebrity tweets**



Ashton Kutcher [@aplusk] It only took the UN 31

days to make a decision on Lybia... Hmmm is that system broke? How many people have killed?...



Okav....I need a veterinarian for a boyfriend. Who's in?



[ A kelly\_

clarkson

was half asleep! they're such animals :( well- @ least im with my family in



Conan [@Conan OBrien] Just did a 50.000

piece jigsaw puzzle, with the picture FACE DOWN!

know, (I'm) moving on." And she's apparently moving on with Eduardo Cruz, brother of actress Penelope Cruz. "It was like two high

school kids who just fell

madly in love because they were always so touchy-feely," a source says of Longoria and Eduardo's behaviour at her party. metro



**SCREENING OF INSIDIOUS!** 

# Spousonomic theory

New book proposes you run your household like a business Do kids get union rights?



In their new book, Paula Szuchman and Jenny Anderson, co-authors of Spousonomics, apply economic and business principles to married life.

Are these ideas useful when it comes to parenting? They would know. Szuchman, an editor at the Wall Street Journal, has a daughter, and Anderson, a reporter for the New York Times, has two. Metro speaks with

Szuchman to find out.

In the book, you discuss ideas like a division of labour when doing chores, and evoke "supply and demand" in the bedroom. Are any of these concepts applicable to parent-kid relationships?

Sure. One thing that happens when people first have a kid is the comparative advantage with child rearing ends up being

"If the mom stays home and takes the maternity leave, then that reinforces the comparative advantages even more."

PAULA SZUCHMAN, AUTHOR OF SPOUSONOMICS



with the mom and not the dad. That's especially true if she's breast feeding, because then she has the absolute and comparative advantage in feeding the kid. And if she stays home and takes the maternity leave, then that reinforces the comparative advantages even more. Before you know it, you end up with this situation where the guy will just say, "I don't know how to do it." If she does everything, she falls prey to becoming the default

master of everything.
For a young couple, what's
the opportunity cost of having kids these days?

Well, the opportunity cost is whether or not to have kids. Once you have them, opportunity cost is "romantic time." If you studied economics, you could articulate this even better than I can, but for every unit of value you get of the same thing, you get less value from it.

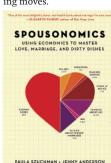
That reminds me of the opportunity cost graph for countries that's often illustrated as a choice between "guns" and "butter."

You mean like diapers versus date night?

Yes! What about collective bargaining for parents? Does it help to unionize?

When I was growing up, my parents were certainly about their united front. [Laughs] I had very little bargaining power. I hate my parents for that, but I also like them, so they must have done something right. Parent-

ing is a string of bargaining moves.



# **New studies**

life

**52%** 

• Fifty-two per cent of adults aged 18 to 29 believe proper parenting is one of the most important things in life, according to a new Pew Research Center report.

When Generation X was asked the same question years ago, only 42 per cent felt good parenting was important.

**3X** 

• Depressed dads are three times as likely to spank their one-year-olds as dads who are not depressed, according to researchers at the University of Michigan. METRO WORLD NEWS

# HEALTHY EATS ON A BUDGET



# THE STAY-AT-HOME MOM

Samantha Mellen Two boys: Lucas, 2, and Joshua, 4 months

What we feed our kids when they're young is the foundation they'll have as they grow up. I do a lot of foods and snacks that are easy to prepare, but also healthy. Carrots with

dressing, yogurt, string cheese, peanut butter with an apple, and crackers are all snacks we enjoy.

I buy organic milk, meat and produce. Thankfully places like Costco make buying organic meat and fruit affordable.

I make my own baby food, which is super easy and cost affordable. My now two-year-old's first food (at six months) was an avocado. I'm really into what I feed my kids. However, I've also learned that if he wants a cookie, one every now and then won't hurt. Balance is a great thing — and make cookies that much better!

# THE HIGH-POWERED WORKING MOM

Avis Jones-DeWeever Executive Director, National Council of Negro Women Mother of two boys, Aidan, 7, and Guy, 14

Many things in life have come naturally to me. Cooking, unfortunately, is not one of them. Complicating this issue further is the complexity of contending with the time constraints that every

working mother must face. For me, the answer has been gadgets, smart substitutions and keeping on hand healthy snacks. My best friend these

days is an electronic pressure cooker/slow cooker. This one-pot miracle allows me to prepare the heart of meals in advance. I also routinely make healthier selections in the grocery store, like real fruit and vegetable juices instead of soda, turkey instead of pork or beef, and yogurt and fresh fruits. Still, I'm no health-food purist. There's just no substitute for family bonding over fresh chocolate chip cookies and milk.

# THE HIPPIE MOM

Owner, with husband, of My

Little Green Shop, which sells organic and sustainable baby products online Has a son, Sebastian, 25 months, and a daughter, Savara, 9 months

Thankfully, my hubby and I are on the same page when it comes to feeding our babes. We provide the healthiest food we can. We serve home-cooked meals (practically) every day, and choose organic food (fruit, veggies, dairy products and meat).

To help get a handle on the cost, we go to farmer's markets and try to stick with seasonal locally produced food. To save time, we often make big batches of something and then freeze a bunch so that on days when there's not much time/energy, we can still make something that is healthy.



Baby strollers have come a long way. The multifunctional strollers on the streets today are not your mother's buzgy.



This unique naan bread sandwich is the creation of Paul Rogalski, executive chef and co-owner of Calgary's Rouge Restaurant. It deftly marries brie cheese, mild curry and mango chutney with ripe pear.

You also can cut the sandwiches into smaller pieces once they cool and serve as appetizers.

# Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter,
- room temperature
   2 tsp (10 mL) mild curry powder
- 4 slices naan bread4 tbsp (60 mL) mango
- chutney
   6 oz (175 g) brie, thinly sliced while chilled
- (discard end cuts that contain the most rind)
- 1 ripe pear, skinned, seeded and thinly sliced

# **Preparation:**

In small bowl, mix butter and curry powder together. Spread half of the butter on one side of two slices of the naan bread.

- Place one naan, butter side down, in a large non-stick skillet or panini press. Spread with 2 tbsp (30 mL) of the mango chutney and place half of the sliced brie, then half of the sliced pear on naan. Cover with second naan, butter side up. Cook first side over medium heat for about 5 minutes or until golden brown.
- Using a spatula, flip carefully. Continue cooking on the second side for another 5 minutes or until golden brown and cheese has melted.
- Remove from heat and set aside for 2 minutes to cool slightly. Wipe skillet with a paper towel and repeat instructions for the second sandwich. Cut each sandwich in half and serve.
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    CHEF PAUL ROGALSKI/ THE
    CANADIAN PRESS/

# Remix your soupand-sandwich combo

• A sandwich made with naan bread and curried brie cheese, and colcannon soup accented with kale chips and proscuitto, offer a new twist

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While there are plenty of colcannon fans, generally, anything with kale in

it is a harder sell.

To counter that, a classic makeover is given to

this colcannon soup for more appeal, while staying true to its spirit. First, comes the base of

First, comes the base of the soup. Potatoes and onions are simmered in chicken broth, then blended until smooth. Added is a a bit of cream.

Also used is a relatively new product — kale chips. Available at most natural foods stores, they are made by seasoning and roasting kale until crispy.

Sprinkled over the soup, they add a crunchy contrast to the creamy soup. But since pork and pota-

But since pork and potato go so nicely together, a bit of crisped prosciutto crumbled over the soup adds a savoury touch.

# **Preparation:**

In saucepan over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add onion and cook until golden. Add potatoes, garlic powder, dill and garlic and cook for 4 minutes. Add chicken broth and bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover, simmer for 20 minutes.

# Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) butter1 large yellow onion,
- diced
   2 lb (1 kg) russet potatoes,
- peeled and cut into small chunks
- 1 tsp (5 mL) garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) dried dill
- 2 cloves garlic, minced4 cups (1 L) chicken broth
- 6 slices prosciutto
   1/2 cup (125 mL) 35%
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) 35% whipping cream
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 cup (250 mL) kale chips
- Meanwhile, heat a skillet over medium. Spritz pan with cooking spray, then place 2 or 3 slices of prosciutto in the pan. Fry, turning after 2 minutes or until browned and crisp on both sides. Repeat with remaining prosciutto; set aside.
- 3 Using a blender, purée soup until almost smooth with some small chunks. Stir in cream, and return soup to a gentle simmer. Season with salt and pepper.
- Divide soup among serving bowls and top each
  with some of the kale
  chips. Crumble 1 slice of
  prosciutto over each.
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# How to spot 'Greenwashing'

of recycling and sustainability grows, the market is being inundated with eco-friendly products and processes. But is that green product you're putgreen product your shopping cart truly green — or are you, the shopper, being "greenwashed?"

'Greenwashing is making statements about the environmental attributes of a service or product that are either false or misleading," says Eric Boyd, an environmental lawyer with Seyfarth Shaw, a major American law firm now specializing in green compliance.

'My practice has been to help companies make sure they don't get in trouble under the Federal Trade Commission Green Guides, which prohibit false and misleading advertising."

Boyd guides his clients



including Canadian building-materials firms
— through the maze of legal definitions of recyclability, compostability, degradability and other key concepts of environmentally conscious sustainability.

With demand for greener products steadily climbing, this has become a matter of signifiimportance shoppers, and therefore

peting for their cash.

"Consumer drives everything," Boyd says. "It drives the Wal-Marts of the world to require their suppliers to have green attributes in their products. And suppliers are not always sure what those words mean or what they have to do to substantiate them.'

This is particularly true in the construction industry - on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border.

How can you spot greenwashing?

"I'll give you a hint,"
Boyd says. "If the general
claim — that this is environmentally preferable,
or this has eco-benefits, or there's a green seal or something — you can always check the marketing materials or on their website to see if there's more detail."

BEN KNIGHT

# Queen of Green

# LINDSAY COULTER



can be a wel-come addition to compost pile. The goal is to alternate layers of nitrogen-rich greens (vard trimmings and vegetable peels) and carbonrich browns. You see backyard composting is really a colour-coordination project.

Other types of "browns" include leaves, twigs, straw, corn cobs and stalks, brown paper bags, newsprint and even the inside cylinders of empty toilet paper rolls. A simple trick is to chop, shred or

# COMPOSTING DO'S AND DON'TS

The other day I noticed that a friend of mine puts paper towels and facial tissue into her compost. Are you really allowed to add these?

Melanie of Edmonton



tear your browns - greens to speed up decomposition.

What you shouldn't add are any greasy paper towels or napkins because they might attract unwelcome visitors. And, if you plan to put your compost in your garden, don't add bleached paper towels or napkins. Instead, purchase 100 per cent post-con-sumer waste-paper products processed chlorine-free. Better yet, switch to reusable cloth napkins and hankies to cut down on the waste leaving your home, even if it is compostable. Learn more about Composting Do's and Don'ts in my fact sheet at davidsuzuki.org.





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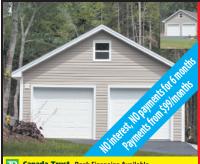
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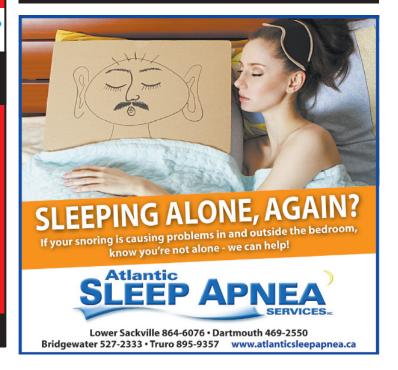


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LaToya Rodney watched the door of the jail cell swing shut. She was only 21 years old. A life of anger and vio-

À life of anger and violence put her behind bars but it was a turning point for the young girl as her hidden talents began to emerge. "The inmates would hear me singing and rapping. I would sing them to sleep."

The prison guards noticed too and encouraged her to pursue her talents.

# FROM INMATE TO INSPIRATION

But when she got out of jail her behaviour and anger got worse when her two brothers were shot.

"I was so into the gang life of retaliation." Finally, a friend convinced her to go to church. "People accepted me. They didn't know the dirt I had done in my life. They accepted me for what I was."

Inspired to make a permanent change in her life, LaToya became a social worker and motivational speaker.

She is back on the tough streets but this time she's making a difference in people's lives. "You have to understand where their brokenness and pain is coming from. It can be overwhelming at times but I'm going to make it."

# LaToya Speaks

- Event: Louise Russo W.A.V.E. Empowering Youth Day
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voking quote relevant to the position, the employer's goals or your target industry. Many people love to read, share and ponder quotes. Including one in your cover letter can be a quick and effective way to engage the reader.

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# Post-work pennies

# Take your nest egg up a notch

According to the Desjardins Financial Security 2010 retirement survey, in which 3,329 Canadians participated, 51.2 per cent do not have an employersponsored retirement savings or pension plan. In fact, 54 per cent of women and 44.4 per cent of full-time employees were less likely to have this benefit.

In some cases, the benefit simply isn't offered. But if your company does provide a retirement savings program, here are some key reasons why you need to sign up now.

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NEWSCANADA

• Meet Susan T. Spencer, the only woman ever to have been general manager of an NFL team • In her new book Briefcase Essentials, she talks big business from a female perspective

# The woman who tackled the NFL

There aren't many places more masculine than a National Football League locker-room and the shop floor at a meat company.

Susan T. Spencer survived them both.

Spencer, the only woman to have been gen-eral manager of an NFL team, says there were a few things that helped her get by in the boys' club.

A thick skin sure came in handy when she walked into the Philadelphia Eagles' locker-room and all the players dropped their towels en masse. She was also once referred to as "the wicked witch of The Vet" (a reference to the now-torn down Philadelphia Veter-

ans Stadium).
"You can either develop a thick skin and shrug it off, or you can stay home and suck your thumb," says Spencer, whose new book, Briefcase Essentials, deals with her experience with the Eagles and the business world.

Recently, a newspaper columnist referred to her in print as "just another worthless bimbo." Rather than writing a nasty letter or making an angry phone call, Spencer says "You can either develop a thick skin and shrug it off, or you can stay home and suck your thumb."

SUSAN T. SPENCER ON DEALING WITH CRITICISM

she found some humour in the insult, figuring it made the writer look worse than her.

"Honestly, just

laughed," she says. While admitting she got her job with the Eagles because her father, Leonard Tose, was the owner, Spencer says she still wanted — and needed — to be taken seriously by other GMs, players and the team's bankers.

To do that, she had to understand every facet of the team's business better than any man would have had to. It's not fair, but that's the way the world is for women in a masculine environment, she says.

"You have to know your material stone-cold. Women are held to a higher standard than men," says Spencer, who was surrounded by football for much of her youth, thanks to her father's purchase of the Eagles in the 1960s. Even if women don't have the good for-tune to be the child of a

team owner or top business executive, there's no reason they can't do research on their own, she

says.
"You have to immerse yourself in it."

It's frustrating, but not surprising, that 26 years after she left the Eagles (when her father was forced to sell the team to cover gambling debts), Spencer is still the only woman to have been an NFL GM, savs Sue Rodin. Rodin, founder of Women in Sports and Events (WISE), says old habits die hard in male-dominated businesses.

"I think there's a lot of history, there's a male-dominated culture. there's some inertia and I'm sorry to say, there's an old boys' network," said Rodin, pointing out that sports is far from the only offender. "It's like that in law, it's like that on Wall

Rodin is "cautiously op-timistic" that things are changing in the pro-sports world. She points to women like Amy Trask— CEO of the NFL's Oakland Raiders — as evidence of progress. Rita Benson Leblanc, part owner and executive vice-president of the NFL's New Orleans Saints, is another powerful woman in the league (although, like Spencer, Leblanc had a family connection — her grandfa-ther bought the team in 1985). Canadian Stacey Allaster, head of the Women's Tennis Association and one of 2011's WISE women of the year, is another. Still, women sports executives are in the minority, Rodin says.

While the odds are



stacked in favour of men in many corporate settings, Spencer says women can overcome

She says women are better communicators. more open-minded about where to find advice and more empathetic than men. "There are just some things that women will instinctively than men.'

Those soft skills some-

times dismissed by male executives are good business, says Spencer. When she took over a meat-processing company she was shocked to learn the former owner didn't even know the names of many of his staff.

"You don't have to be their friends. But you need to know the people in your company," says Spencer.

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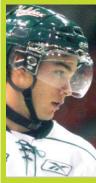
# **Boots that still need filling**

While women are making great strides in the workplace, there are some jobs Canadian men just don't seem all that keen on sharing. Here's a look at the Top (or bottom) 10, with job, number of people in that job, and percentage of those jobs held by women...

- Bricklayers: 18,885; 1.1
- Heavy-duty equipment mechanics: 39,140; 1.1x
- Concrete finishers: 11,440; 1.2
- Small engine, equipment mechanics: 6,815; 1.3
- Refrigeration and air conditioning mechanics: 22,240; 1.4
- Gas fitters: 5,650; 1.4
- Construction millwrights, industrial mechanics: 75,900; 1.5 Nonindustrial electricians: 72,390; 1.6
- Steamfitters, pipefitters, and sprinkler installers: 22,190; 1.7. Industrial electricians: 29,960; 1.7.

Source: Statistics Canada 2006 Census data

## Quoted



# "It was definitely a great feeling to come back in the old barn and get a win out of it."

FORMER HALIFAX
MOOSEHEADS DEFENCEMAN
GARRETT CLARKE, AFTER
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FOUR MOOSEHEADS TO SET

UP THE GAME-WINNING

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▶ Mooseheads forward Francis Turbide lays the lumber on Cape Breton Screaming Eagles defenceman Raman Hrabarenka during yesterday's game at the Metro Centre.

# Ready or not, playoffs are here for Herd

**○** Early letdowns cost Mooseheads in 4-2 loss **○** Screaming Eagles win seven of eight games in 2010-11 rivalry **○** Moose lose 22 of final 28 games



The Halifax Mooseheads are limping into the QMJHL playoffs.

With a season-high crowd of 8,924 packed into the Metro Centre for the regular-season finale yesterday afternoon, the Mooseheads dug themselves into a 3-0 first-period hole and never recovered in a 4-2 loss to the provincial rival Cape Breton Screaming Eagles.

It was the fourth straight loss for the Mooseheads and 14th in the past 17 games as they enter the QMJHL best-ofseven first round as 57point underdogs against

"That first period was just absolutely unacceptable," said Mooseheads defenceman Trey Lewis. "We weren't ready to play the game, and it definitely cost us. We let the 16th place team come out and

just embarrass us in front of our home crowd."

The Screaming Eagles jumped out to the early lead with goals on the power play, shorthanded and at even strength before the Mooseheads — celebrating "fan apprecia-

tion day" — finally got their heads in the game in the second period

the second period.
Gabriel Desjardins and Martin Frk scored in the middle frame, but Cory MacIntosh's second of the day for the Screaming Eagles with 6:44 left in the

# Moose awards Rookie of t

Carl Gelinas has taken the reins from Tomas Knotek as the



Mooseheads' most valuable player. The 18-year-old winger earned MVP yesterday as the team handed out its annual awards. He led the Mooseheads in scoring with 26 goals and 28 assists for 54 points in 68 games. Knotek won the team's past two MVP awards.

- Rookie of the year —
- ► Unsung hero Charles Bety
- Best defensive forward —
   Travis Randell
   Best defenceman —
- Steve Gillard

  Most improved player —
- Trey Lewis

  Hardest working player —
  Darcy Ashley
- Fans' choice award —
  Anthony Terenzio
- Most sportsmanlike player Travis Randell
- Outstanding academics/athletics — Pascal Amyot
- Outstanding community involvement — Konrad Abeltshauser

third sucked the air out of the comeback.

"It's a tough one for sure," said Mooseheads captain Travis Randell. "It's not at all how we wanted our last game of the season to go, especially going into the playoffs against a real tough opponent"

The Mooseheads have only won six of 28 games since winning their first game of the new year on Jan. 4.

They're scheduled to fly to Montreal on Wednesday, with Games 1 and 2 of the first round tentatively scheduled to be held on Thursday and Friday.

"We've got to be a much more excited group than we were today," said Mooseheads head coach Robby Smith

Bobby Smith.

The Mooseheads' firstround home games likely
will be held on Tuesday,
March 29, Wednesday,
March 30, and, if necessary, Friday, April 2.

# Rainmen in strange territory with losing record

The Halifax Rainmen are suddenly a sub-.500 team and struggling to keep their Premier Basketball League playoff hopes alive.

The Rainmen lost for the seventh time in nine games on Friday with a 98-89 road setback at the hands of the Quebec Kebs.

They're 8-9 and half a game behind the fourthplace Saint John Mill Rats, 8-8, for the final PBL postseason berth.

Excluding a loss in their 2010 season-opener, the Rainmen haven't been below .500 since joining the PBL in 2008. The Mill Rats did the

The Mill Rats did the Rainmen a favour yesterday when they lost 101-93 to the Kentucky Stallions.

The Rainmen, who have three games remaining, are back in action on Friday at 7 p.m. against the last-place Dayton Air Strikers (3-14).

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# Standings

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X- QUEBEC	12	6	.667	4.0
ROCHESTER	10	8	.556	6.0
SAINT JOHN	8	8	.500	7.0
HALIFAX	8	9	.471	7.5
KENTUCKY	6	13	.316	10.5
DAYTON	3	14	.176	12.5
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X-CLINCHED PLAYOFF SPOT (TOP FOUR
QUALIFY); Y-CLINCHED FIRST OVERALL
Upcoming Games

Friday

Dayton at Halifax, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, March 29
Halifax at Saint John, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 31
• Saint John at Halifax, 7 p.m.

# QMJHL

# Final standings

	W	L	S/O	P
<b>Z</b> - SAINT JOHN	58	7	3	119
Y- MONTREAL	46	12	10	102
<b>Y</b> - QUEBEC	48	16	4	100
X-DRUMMOND.	45	15	8	98
<b>X</b> - GATINEAU	43	17	8	94
X- BATHURST	44	21	3	91
<b>X</b> - SHAWI.	42	23	3	87
X- LEWISTON	40	24	4	84
<b>X</b> - MONCTON	33	25	10	76
<b>X</b> - P.E.I.	33	26	9	75
<b>X</b> - VICTORIA.	35	29	4	74
X- RIMOUSKI	31	33	4	66
<b>X</b> - CHICOUTIMI	27	29	12	66
X- VAL D'OR	25	34	9	59
X-HALIFAX	20	43	5	45
X- CAPE BRETON	18	45	5	41
BAIE-COMEAU	12	46	10	34
RNORANDA	12	50	6	30
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DIVISION TITLE: 7-CLINCHED REGULAR

SEASON TITLE

# Heil's last run ends with silver

# • Canada's four-medal day all about final event for 'living legend'

Canadian freestyle skier Jenn Heil captured every title imaginable over her stellar career.

She won Olympic gold at the Turin Games in 2006, picked up a pair of world championship titles and earned a staggering 58 World Cup medals along the way.

When she looks back at the last decade, a silvermedal performance stands out as her top memory. She said she'll never forget the roar from the home crowd at the Vancouver Olympics last year.

"When my name was announced and the mountain vibrated from the support of the Canadians," Heil said. "That was truly the greatest moment."

Heil, from Spruce Grove, Alta., capped her career yesterday with a silver medal in the dual moguls at the final World Cup of the season.

She lost control in the middle section of her final run and had to pull out before her second jump, giving American Hannah Kearney the gold.

"I'm so at peace. I know I'll miss the competition and the privilege of representing Canada around the world, but I'm ready to take my passion for challenging my limits and my potential off the slopes," Heil said

Heil announced in January that she would retire at the end of this season.



"I have nothing left to do on the hill and that's a beautiful ending for me."

"She's a living legend for our sport," men's bronze medallist Alex Bilodeau said. "A Hall of Famer."

Heil said two of her proudest moments were being at the top of the Olympic courses in 2006 and 2010.

"It's funny that my greatest moments are at the start lines, not the finish lines," she said. "It's never been about how many medals I can win. Of course we define success by medals, but for me it's always been about testing my limits"

Canada clinched the Freestyle Nations Cup for the fifth straight season and Montreal's Justine Dufour-Lapointe was named FIS rookie of the year. Heil said she's happy to

Heil said she's happy to pass the torch to Dufour-Lapointe.

"She has the competitive spirit, passion and ability to soar in her career," Heil said. "And, if she needs any advice or mentoring, I'll be there for her"

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· Jenn Heil jumps to second place in dual moguls at the FIS Freestyle Ski Vorld Cup final in Voss, Norway, yesterday.

# Coach K in rarefied air after staving off upset

A dramatic ending put Duke on its way to a familiar nook of the NCAA bracket and sent Coach K into even more exclusive company.

Nolan Smith scored 24 points and top-seeded Duke held off a late rally to beat Michigan 73-71 yesterday and give Mike Krzyzewski his 900th career victory.

Kyle Singler added 13 points for the Blue Devils

900 Mike Krzyzewski improved to 900-283 in his 36th season. He can tie mentor Bob Knight for first on the career list with his next win.

(32-4), who shot 51 per cent, never trailed in the second half and advanced to the round of 16 for the 12th time in 14 years.

Darius Morris scored 16 points to lead the eighth-

seeded Wolverines (21-14), who trailed by 15 with 10:51 to play but clawed within one point twice in the final 90 seconds. They had one last chance after Smith missed a free throw with 8.7 seconds left.

Morris's runner in the lane with two seconds left bounced off the back iron, sealing Duke's trip to Anaheim, Calif., for the West regional semifinals Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sports in brief



# Bynum gone for two games

NBA. Los Angeles Lakers centre Andrew Bynum has been suspended two games for Friday's flagrant foul on Minnesota's Michael Beasley. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Djokovic yet to lose in 2011

TENNIS. Novak Djokovic beat top-ranked Rafael Nadal 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 to win the BNP Paribas Open title yesterday, keeping the Serbian undefeated this year

Djokovic improved to 18-0. He will move into the No. 2 spot when the ATP Tour rankings are released today.

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# SMU axes women's hockey

Women's hockey has fallen victim to a funding crunch at Saint Mary's University.

Head coach Lisa Jordan, who founded and coached the team for 14 years, was shocked when informed Friday morning by athletic director Steve Sarty that the women's varsity program would be discontinued.

When her contract expires March 31, it will not be renewed.

"It's very disappointing for women's sport in general to see a sport go by the wayside," Jordan said. "As well as another professional coaching opportunity for a woman to be gone."

The decision impacts the 18 players eligible to return to the Huskies next season, and those Jordan recruited. Players were informed of the decision after Jordan met with Sarty.

"This morning I think our team was completely blindsided. Now I'm just a little angered by the whole situation," said third-year player Sarah Maynard of Cole Harbour. The team had the high-

The team had the highest annual operational budget of all women's varsity teams at \$60,000, and according to Sarty brought in negligible revenue.

"The university came to us and said, 'You need to cut five to 10 per cent of your operating budget,'" Sarty said. "The reason for that was we've received four per cent less (provincial) funding to the university than in previous years."

He said athletics staff considered reducing the budgets of every sports team on campus, but money is tight and the move would have put all teams at a competitive disadvantage.

Sarty said athletics staff and student services will work with players who want to transfer to another university. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Rally at SMU

The Saint Mary's Huskies women's hockey team will hold a rally tonight to save the school's women's hockey program. It runs from to 9 p.m. at McNally Main on the SMU campus.

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- 55 Level of society 56 Female deer
- 57 Type measures
- 58 High-strung 59 Praise in verse

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- 1 Actor Kilmer 2 Three, in old Rome
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- 4 Cellist Pablo

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### T Aries March 21-April 20 You feel like you can take on the world and win, and there's no doubt you are right. You'll have the confidence to try things that most other people don't even dare dream about.

### ¥ Taurus April 21-May 21 You are paying too much attention to what other people are saying and not enough to what your own heart is telling you. You don't need advice or assistance today..

# II Gemini May 22-June 21

Something you have been worrying about for quite some time will no longer bother you as from today. Why? Because at last you know what really matters – and it has nothing to do with money.

# Gancer June 22-July 22

and the energy you need to Put yourself forward and let know you are special.

Ω Leo July 23-Aug.23 There may

MP Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 There is no point arguing with people who refuse to see sense. It may be tempting to show them up with your superior knowledge but why bother? to good use today — and let

Today you have the courage make your mark on the world. those in positions of authority

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Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You can expect some kind of breakthrough today and it may well be the sort that you remember well into your old age. Don't just dream of doing something make the effort and get started.

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